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CENTRALISED MONITORING SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up a centralised monitoring system for lawful interception and monitoring of mobile phones, landlines and the internet in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a telecom research and development organisation has finalised any telecom security project for the said purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the same; and

(e) the time by which it is likely to be implemented in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

(a) & (b) Madam, Government has decided to set up the Centralized Monitoring System (CMS) to automate the process of Lawful Interception & Monitoring of telecommunications.

(c) & (d) A project prepared with an estimated cost of Rs. 400 Crores for CMS has been approved by the Government. The execution of the CMS project has been entrusted with Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT). The envisaged salient features of CMS are as follows:

(i) Electronic Provisioning of target number by a Government agency without any manual intervention from Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) on a secured network, thus enhancing the secrecy level and quick provisioning of target.

(ii) Central and Regional Centres which will help Central and State level Law Enforcement Agencies in Interception and Monitoring.

(iii) Research and Development (R&D) in related fields for continuous up gradation of the CMS.

(e) Centralised Monitoring System has been planned to be implemented in phased manner in about 3 years.